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#### NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN

George Weinbarg. (Sheppard Field, Texas) Finally - some real action, or at least a start of it. As you can see from my change of address, I succeeded in getting released from my soft job in Leavenworth and am taking my basic in the Air Forces. Sheppard Field is famous for one main reason, as far as I've been able to determine. It's the only place in the United States where you can stand up to your hips in mud and still have dust blowing in your face. Don't let that mislead you - I'm having a nice time here - I really go for this basic training. I did make an error, so I'll warn anyone who may enter basic. Be careful what you say to officers! I complained that the army didn't provide enough exercise (they start out with a series of lectures). Last Monday we lined up for a hike after our calisthenics, and they placed me in the front part of a group. It turned out to be a 10-mile road rum, double-time, with intermittent marching. I could feel blisters on my feet develop and break until it felt like I was running on hot water bottles.

Thomas F. Nelson. (San Diego, Calif.) Thanks a million for the copies of the "Grape-vine" which I appreciate very much..... I also want to thank you for the Christmas gift I received..... Since entering the Marine Corps in November I have finished "Boot" training and also graduated from the Parachute Training School at Camp Gillespie. Now I am stationed at Camp Elliott undergoing final training before being shipped over. There is a thrill in jumping from a plane which makes the job always interesting. The training is rough and when we finish this you can bet there will be a lot of trouble for someone when we go for them. It is a great life if you don't weaken..... I saw once in the "Grapevine" that Nigel Graham was in "Boot Camp" so I looked him up and said hello.



#### NEWS FROM OUR FIGHTING MEN (Continued from page 1)

Clay Mobley. (Camp Sibert, Ala. First Lt. Mobley commands a special service unit made up of entertainers. Clay, who had over-seas experience as a sergeant in the last war, is training his company for active service so they will be able to do some shooting if the occasion arises when they are over-seas providing recreation for other units.) "We're going to give our big unit show "Let's Go!" at the Gadsden Municipal Auditorium tomorrow night for the benefit of the Cigarette Fund for men overseas. We still hope to give it somewhere, sometime, for the benefit of our own unit fund, and perhaps we'll be able to make it. Oh, yes, we've been giving some excerpts from "Let's Go!" on the Gadsden radio station. They're running "Freedom on the Land Forever" (an FCA radio transcription). They say FCA's Mr. E. B. Reid writes the nicest letters."

Orville H. White. (Ft. Bliss, Texas) It is a real pleasure to get the "Grapevine" regularly, and to read the comments of the other Farm Credit Club members who are now in the service .... From Washington (March 1941) I came to Ft. Bliss to join the 260th Coast Artillery (AA), the Washington, D.C. Guard. When war broke out I went with the unit to the Pacific Northwest. and from there to Officers' Candidate School at Camp Davis, N.C., where I was commissioned in November. I am now a 1st lieutenant back at Ft. Bliss, and our unit is near the end of its training. I hope soon to help paste the Axis along with the other FCA men. While at Camp Davis, I spent every week-end with Capt. Ned Cake, QMC, formerly with the CR&S Division, and an old classmate of mine at Cornell. Thank you so much for the Christmas gift ... . One surely feels good when he knows that the folks back there where he worked are remembering him.

Cpl. Joe Linden. (North Africa) Thanks a lot for the Christmas present. It was

really swell of you to remember us. I have always thought the employees of the FCA were the finest group of people I have ever known. I enjoyed all of the time I spent at the FCA, except perhaps the first week or so when I was a messenger. My feet hurt too much then for me to enjoy anything. In that respect my first few weeks in Africa were a good deal like my first few weeks at the FCA. Boy, did I have blisters! There is not very much about North Africa that I could tell you that Pete Massaro hasn't already told you. According to the new postal regulations we're not permitted to mention the names of any cities, nor are we permitted to send postcards.

Howard Suraf. (Drew Field, Tampa, Florida) I've spent the winter in the South. Had 2 months at the Sam Houston State Teachers College at Huntsville, Texas....At present my job in the Intelligence Section depends a great deal on what I learned about letter writing and indorsements, orders, memoranda, etc. Never thought I would be typing letters for someone's signature. There is a terrific amount of work in our office. Drew Field isn't exactly heaven .... The wind blows the sand around something awful. You can't keep clean.

Lt. (J.G.) Paul Ritter. (Boston, Mass.) I have my own watch now, after 2 months as a junior officer of the deck, so any time between the hours of 12 to 4 if you should wonder where I am, it is up on the bridge and really trying to see.

Capt. Robert H. Willey. (Los Angeles, Calif.) This is just a line to tell you how much I appreciate receiving copies of the "Grapevine," for I still feel that most of the FCA'ers are good friends of mine. I am sure the newsy comments from the various members in the services must provide the others with as much pleasure as they do me. In fact, the list of FCA men and women in service is most interesting, and my only regret is that I did not have it before, for I know that many of

my friends are located at posts and stations which I have visited recently....It may be of interest that Robert Haven Willey, Jr., was born in Washington while I was attending the school at Ft. Leavenworth; that since then, Mrs. Willey and Robert, Jr., have joined me here in California for such time as I am in this country.

#### HOBBY SHOW

One hundred and seven entrants displayed over 200 exhibits which ran the gamut of human interest at the Farm Credit Club Hobby Show May 25, 26, and 27. Exhibitors whose names were received too late to be added to the catalog were Arthur Rogers, who brought in air brush pictures, metal work, painting, and coral pieces; M. J. Fox, who exhibited some photographs by Keith Scott; George M. Brennan, with "Doggy Poker Game" pictures, western items, and a sculpture of Rocsevelt by Jo Davidson; Kenneth Lowe, with an exhibit of premiums and pictures of his prize-winning hogs; and K. Barstad, with a Hollywood display.

The show was received so well that by popular request the doors were kept open an extra day so that every one might have ample opportunity to see everything. The attendance ran well over 900.

The Judges of Election, Jennie Ash, J. Mahlon Selby, and Paul Rapp, announced that first prize was awarded to W. S. Harris for his copies of antique chairs; second prize to E. Anthony for his Chinese exhibit; R. C. Ferguson, with his handmade metal work, and Anna Messinger, with an exhibit of china ware, tied for third place. Votes were widely distributed over the entire range of exhibits.

No item was lost or broken, with one exception: For the benefit of those who are still asking what happened to the candy displayed by Waude Freeman - the committee ate it as soon as the door closed on the show.

BUY WAR BONDS

Oh, Hobby Show, so fair to see, You glistened like a Christmas tree. Your arts and crafts so clean and fine, Though none were quite as good as mine, Collectors' items by the score, What do they keep those dam' things for? Oh, Hobby Show, your history Contains more than one mystery.

One - how in heck did dat bum Harris Win the prize, and so embarrass Those of us not so adept? We wish that to ourselves we'd kept Our talents.

Two - Who wears that sweet costume de danse,
The one that had the cheesecloth pants?
Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said
Woo! Woo!

Three - Who made away with all that likker Which is than water so much thicker? We were consumed with burning thirst, But touch those drinks we did not durst. Oh, Prohibition!

#### L'Envoi

Oh, hobbyists! Oh hobbyists! your lights were ever bushel-hidden
Until into this hobby show your secret vices came by biddin!
Swell now your chests, let paeans ring,
There's naught but praise for everything.
From A. G. Black down to John Doe,
We had a durn fine Hobby Show!
Amen!

- Oscar Squink

#### ATTENTION: BRIDGE FANS

Tuesday, June 15, is the closing session for the elementary class.

Wednesday, June 16, is the closing session for the advanced class.

Prizes, fun, and refreshments guaranteed at both classes.

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Well, Ma, hear I am in Kansas City, which is in Missouri most of the time but in Kansas part of the time, which is very fassynatin in a confusing sort of way.

This is the mane office of the Farm Credit Adminnystration. It ain't anything like I thought it would be anything like. I am staying with some folks that the husband of works here, and all he eats for breakfast is eggs and mush and coffee. I been at his plais neerly a weak now and he hasen't ate a single baby for breakfast yet. So maybe they told me wrong in the feeld, or maybe it's just that there (Continued on page 9)

## Strictly Personal

Finance & Accounts. Our Social Editor, Samethea Roddy, was attacked by the measles but is now well on the road to recovery.....You can laugh and turn your nose up and you can have your fun, but the little town of Langdon, Kan., is better far than none, says Alma Franklin, so there she is for a week's vacation....Meda Martin doesn't own a bathing suit but took a recent swimming vacation in the Ozarks.... With a fishing pole in one hand and a can of "wiggle worms" in the other, Delta Vaughn is vacationing in Wellington, Kan. ....Betty Kempton spent a few days in Topeka on a "Morale Building Campaign" for the Army.....Marion Lemmick leaves her desk to enjoy a 2-week vacation at Grand Fords, North Dakota....Mrs. Crim is visiting her home in Washington, D.C. .....Theodora Milleman spent a few days visiting relatives and friends at Princeton, Mo.....William Holman spent a recent

#### REPORT ON THE PICNIC

Softball Game. "Stonewall (Brickwall)" Black wouldn't bite on that cauliflower first pitch - The official score was 9 to 8 but there is a hot dispute about which team scored the nine runs - The War Horse neigh of triumph to absent Dray Horse Captain McConnaughey "Dray Horses struggled valiantly but lost fray 8 to 9" brought the answering wire "We wuz robbed. Am taking up with Solicitor at once!" - "Sparkplug" Lowell Collins fried off 10 pounds on hot grounders - "Dove Pie" Lindsey couldn't win an argument with the umpire - "Dan Patch" Goodwyn had the roof blown off his throne in center field - "Dizzy" Tom Piper, the War Horse ringer, laid them in the groove while "Daffy" Jim Islieb was using a compass to find the plate. "Sturdy Willow" Brennan wanted to run on his walks - the other players hated to run past those base umpires.

Boxing Match. "Jumping Jack" Guill won the boxing match with his usual foxy tactics. By attacking while his opponents panted between bells, he hammered his way to victory. "Gargantua" Rall, inspired by his lavendar sarong, lashed out savagely at everything in the ring. "Gargantua" and "Mauler" Mills fought stomach to stomach for one round without landing a blow (their arms were too short). "Barker" Bark talked himself out of a voice announcing the horseplay and Referee Rapp was crowned with the bucket for robbing "Slaughterhouse" Smith of the decision. The crowd breathed a sigh of relief when "Gargantua" finally knocked himself out with a lucky elbow to the solar plexus.

Contests. Frances Townsend and Vencil Ward won the three-legged race and Margaret Ellefson won the women's sack race. The men's sack race was won by H. W. Mumford of E&CR. Gloria and Byron Hollis were the only married couple to win a race. They won the wheelbarrow race. Cap Veatch won the weight-guessing contest with a guess of 183 1/4 pounds, which is the Governor's weight to the ounce.

Chaff. After the picnic Dick Robertson rode the roller coaster 12 times and met a lad who took 32 rides. Walt Hein, Ellie Bark, and Carl Lowe fell for roller skating; others went swimming. The Merry-Go-Round was Gray Hume's speed. Our gang sure gave the rides a whirl.

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ain't a "R" in the month like oysters.

Anyway, this sure is an amazing plais. That is because it is layed out like a maze. Each man has his naim over his door so he can find his own office. Sometimes it is very confusing when they is more than one person with the same name. They is a fellow here naimed Bill Harris and they is a couple of girls named Harris too. Bill got in the wrong office by mistaik one day and answered to Miss Harris the rest of the day before he discovered what was wrong.

Yore loving son

Willy

#### QUIZ OF TWO CITIES

The Quiz of Two Cities contest between the FCA of St. Louis and the FCA Central Office will be held on June 13.

The date of the elimination contest has not yet been arranged. Contestants will be notified as soon as a date is set.

#### STUPE DOVER

Dear Mr. Dover:

I find it necessary and urgent to write you concerning your son, Stupe. While we have grown to like him during his four years spent in the fifth grade, we believe that something must be done to either advance him against our better judgment, or to suggest that you find him a private tutor.

This past year, he has grown so large that he can no longer sit at his desk with the other children. He has increased his knowledge of everything except his studies. He is familiar with the batting average of every big league ball player, he knows the records of Whirlaway and Count Fleet to the most minute detail. He is forever questioning the veracity of any statement I make, and always wanting to "lay me five to two" that I'm wrong, or telling me that "five will get me ten" if I'm right. He refers to a pair of anything as "making it the hard way" and accuses his little classmates of such things as "dealing off the bottom," "welshing" and "double crossing."

While he doesn't know a whit about any of his books and seems perfectly contented to remain in 5B for life, I'm sure something could be done with the boy. I ask your help.

> Prof. Boring (Stupe's Teacher)

Dear Boring:

Don't worry no more about Stupe and 5B. He's just been put in 1A (and I don't mean academically). Thanks.

> Tip Dover (Stupe's Father)

A SPRING PERENNIAL

It's Spring. Da boid is on da wing. My woid, absoid! Da wing is on da boid.

week end with relatives in Ottumwa, Ia.

Reference Unit. Julia Cornett is vacationing in Cincinnati and Milwaukee, visiting family and friends.....Roberta Hendee spent 4 days in Bushton, Kan., visiting friends and former students.

Central Office Accounting. Mrs. Irene McCollom is recovering from a strep infection....Eleanor Harris is enjoying a visit with her Marine husband home from the Canal Zone... Goldie Brillman enjoyed a 2-week vacation at her home in Milwaukee, Wis.....Helen Goff spent 2 weeks at her home in Hugo, Okla.....Joseph McLeish spent several days at his home in Schuyler, Nebr., with his Coast Guard brother home on furlough.

Cooperative. Rosella Reiff had as guests recently her sister and brother-in-law from Iowa.....Hester Eads is a new addition in the Treasurer's office.....Mr. Adams of the Spokane Bank and Dr. Stokdyk of the Berkeley Bank spent a few days in the Kansas City office, enroute to Springfield.

Economic & Credit Research. E. C. Johnson has returned after a month's business trip to Washington, D.C....Friends of R. B. Smith were sorry to learn of his death May 10 at Greenfield, Mass....Lloyd C. Halvorson spent some time recently at the University of Minnesota taking examinations for an advanced degree....Cynthia Goldberger is visiting her husband, Lt. B. H. Goldberger, at Jeffersonville, Ind. .....Dagmar Lerager spent the week end at Chillicothe, Mo.....Mariana Evans has returned to work after a siege of scarlet fever.....Flavia Livick recently spent a week end at Topeka .... Ruby Hanson recently spent a vacation at her home in South Dakota. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Eddie Helgerson, a former employee of Farm Credit....Lorine Waechter spent a recent week end at her home in Olpe, Kan. .....Dorothy Heckman enjoyed a vacation at Dayton, Ohio, visiting her family and friends. (Continued on page 6)



#### GOLF

With the match between Bill Moore and Landon Porter still to be played the results of the 1st round of the Golf Tournament are as follows: Joe Spelman v. Carl Colvin - Colvin. 3 and 2: Del Mehaffy v. Blake Holmes - Mehaffy, 2 and 1, 21 holes; John Simpson v. Lowell Collins - Collins, 3 and 1: Bill Mason v. George Armacost, Armacost, 2 and 1; E. Anthony v. Fred Howard - Anthony, forfeit; Jack Fowler v. Bill Watt - Watt, 3 and 1; V. T. Ward v. K. A. Brasfield - Brasfield, 7 and 6; Bert Thurber v. Harland Rall - Rall, forfeit: M. E. Menk v. Elbert Smith - Smith, 1 up: Jim Pitts v. Keith Dellinger - Dellinger, 2 and 1; Bob Mills v. George Thomson -Thomson, 2 up; Walter Hein v. Warren Thompson - Hein 5 and 4: John Plott v. Carl Bark - Bark, 4 and 2; John Guill v. Don Warburton - Warburton, 4 and 2: J. T. Burkett v. Kenny Light - Light, forfeit after 18-hole tie.

#### MOVIES ONE DAY ONLY

The lunch-hour movie program for Tuesday, June 8, is "Mickey's Musical Farmer" in which Mickey Mouse and Pluto play scare-crow and terrorize the farm animals as well as Minnie. Also, "Big Fish" - fishing for tarpon and tuna, sail-fishing, harpooning whales, and netting salmon - a fishing film of thrilling action.

Shows hereafter will be on Tuesday only with 2 shows, 12:15 and 1 p.m. Come, bring your lunch, and enjoy the fun.

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## STRICTLY PERSONAL (Continued from page 5)

Stenographic. Mrs. Gladys Lytle is having a well-earned vacation. She met her sister in Chicago who accompanied her to Cornell University for the graduation of Mrs. Lytle's niece. From there they were going through New York to Washington, D.C., to visit their family .... Marjorie Nelson's sister-in-law from Denver, Col., is visiting here....Delphine Beirne is spending her vacation on a farm in Iowa....Katherine Champe is enjoying a 2-weeks vacation in New Orleans....Persis Gray has been transferred to the Solicitor's Office .....Gloria Hollis has been detailed to the Governor's Office.....When Miss Hanley was in Washington, D.C., she talked with Helen McIlvaine who is in the Solicitor's Office there.... The girls in Flora Leach's section gave her a dinner party the other evening. Miss Leach has transferred to the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Personnel. Vivian Gustafson returned from a week's vacation in Page City, Kan., to find a family of mice at home in her desk. The loudest and longest scream was emitted when the mother mouse leaped from the drawer and ran up Vivian's arm..... Betty Spivey has been detailed from the Stenographic Section and Mary Lee Vincent from the Governor's Office.....Cpl. Katherine Delany and Cpl. Martha Sparks spent Memorial Day week end in Mexico, Mo., attending the C.A.P. Wing Maneuvers..... John Francis and William Moore are on an extended field trip in the East .... Mildred Turner's mother and sister of Parsons, Kan., are visiting her for awhile ... Letters have been received from Polly McCoy and Nellie Mellott who are Seamen, II Class, and stationed at St. Augustine, Fla. Our other SPAR, Peggy Wilkinson, is attending school at Cedar Falls, Ia.

Solicitor's Office. Lorraine Wenger transferred to our office in St. Louis to be near hubby, who is stationed at Jefferson Barracks. We all had a farewell picnic for her at Loose Park May 28....

Persis Gray reported to work June 1 from the Stenographic Section.

Examination. Dorothy Campbell, who is leaving for the Warines, was thrilled over the shoe shine and make-up kit given her by the division. The gift was presented to her by J. M. Willingham in his usual colorful way, his farewell ode ending as follows:

"But after Dot has won the war
(And put her medals in a drawer),
We'll welcome back our own Marine
And count what passed as but a dream."
The girls in the division later surprised
Dot with a very lovely dinner party at the
Tea House by the Side of the Road....Pauline Kessler is in St. Mary's Hospital recovering from a bad sore throat....A card
from Agnes Nemanich tells us she is enjoying her vacation in Minnesota. We miss
the bright flowers Agnes brings to her
office each day.

Mail Section. New employees in the Section are Francis Sayre, Fred Scott, Carl Lowe, and Gerry Beauchamp.....Iris Larson has transferred to the Stenographic Section.....Hester V. Eads has been detailed to the Bank for Cooperatives Division ..... Monta Honeycutt, teletype operator, recently resigned from FCA....Kenneth Miller recently visited FCA while on furlough from Camp Crowder....Geraldine Williams has received an engagement ring from Walter Kowalski who is an aviation cadet in the U.S. Army and was formerly with FCA... Dick Robertson has returned to the Section from the Tabulating Unit.... Mary Ammon has been detailed to the Annex.

Land Bank. Cpl. Gertrude Grove stopped in last week for a hasty good-bye and left for her new base - it's a military secret .....Lucille Holmes is spending a week in Lincoln, Nebr., with her 2 brothers who are on furlough.....Mary Markel is on a 2-week vacation but we haven't heard yet if she really went to Texas.

Vise. Mary W. Lawrence has resigned to return to a former commercial position in 6 Flint, Michigan.

Production Credit. Mr. Esgate has recently joined other members of a special technical mission to Honduras to make certain studies, at the invitation of that Government, of agricultural credit and other financial matters. The group traveled by plane via Brownsville and Mexico City. Mr. Esgate hoped that he would not forget his English while he is gone....The Jack Fullertons are the proud parents of a baby girl born May 14. They have called the new arrival Jacqueline Kay....Madeline Brockman spent a couple of days last week visiting friends in Joplin, Mo.

Property and Supply Section. Jim Bracklin has been advanced to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Glen Greenfield.....Ethel Pritchard and family are now settled in their new home at 5001 Euclid St.... Thanks to the Mail Room for their generosity in letting us have our old pal, Ronald Foreman, to help us out a few days .... Miss Billie Waugh had to cancel her first birthday party on account of illness.....Tom Sullivan's son, Al, is being sent to an advanced training post.... Eli Richardson and Ben Amerson are new additions to our labor detail .... Lawrence Hayden reports that he enjoyed his visit in Washington with many of his friends, but is very glad to be back at work.

RACC of Washington, D.C. Margaret
Boebinger is visiting friends and relatives in Pennsylvania.....Helen Bailey
is visiting her parents in Parkersburg,
W. Va.....Hortense Mobberly has returned
after spending a few days at her home at
Lamar, Missouri....Margaret Sterling was
quite surprised one day last week. Her
boy friend, Staff Sergeant Fred Working,
appeared unannounced from Africa.

#### OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Bill Moore and John Francis have been in and out of Washington on their trip east-visiting such points as Columbia and Springfield. CR&S has a new addition to its professional staff - Mr. Donald Hirsch transferring from OPA. Mr. Crim from K. C. dropped in to say hello on his

recent trip back to "dear old D.C."

Some of the "old gang" from Personnel got together at a luncheon the other day - Mary Mathis, Barbara Amerman, Bill Moore, Dayton Hull, and Phil Mayer. We had a card from Blanche Stone who has been recuperating in the country. Dr. Knapp and Dorothy Peffer are 2 new blood bank donors

#### ROUNDUP ON I & E FAMILY

A note from Giff Hoag brings us up to date on folks formerly with the Information and Extension Division.

When we moved to Kansas City, Kay Fuhs staved behind as Val Sherman's secretary, but finally transferred to War Food Administration....Carol Tolbert and Mary Devaney transferred to the Department of Commerce....Pauline Davis, who was working at the Maritime Commission, plans to quit her job and go to Peru with her husband .... Robert Corcoran went with the Dairy and Poultry Section of the AMA, and has since died .... Pauline Avery is now in Trinidad where her husband is with the Army Engineers. A recent card tells of her vacation in Barbados....Belle Hollabaugh did not come to Kansas City, and has since become the mother of a boy.... Virginia Houser stayed with the CR&S Division in Washington .... Val Sherman is the Washington representative of the I&E Division....Elizabeth Melvin has retired to the job of housewife ..... Lucile Reynolds recently left for the Extension Service in Washington, D.C....Barbara Van Heulen has taken a job with the Extension Service in Florida.....Hal Bjornson is buying fish for Lend-Lease for the War Food Administration in Iceland....Vernon Vine, Information Agent at Spokane, joined the K.C. staff June 1.

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

For the benefit of men about to enter the armed services, the Farm Credit Club has had mimeographed a supply of "Power of Attorney" forms. Copies are available in room 2120, extension 73.

#### INTRODUCING THE ELLEFSONS

Margaret and Irene Ellefson are two mighty proud girls these days. The girls, who are employed in the Audit Unit and the Telephone Section, have just learned that their brother, Staff Sergeant Lloyd Ellefson, has been awarded the Purple Heart and also the Air Medal by Brig. Gen. Doolittle for exceptional performance in the North African campaign. Staff Sergeant Ellefson, a radio gunner in the Air Corps, was decorated with the Air Medal in January and the Purple Heart in April. He was wounded in action in February but is expecting release from the hospital soon.

The Ellefson girls have two other brothers in the service. Sgt. Elmer Ellefson, of the Engineers, is stationed in England. Pvt. Leonard Ellefson, Coast Artillery, Camp Callan, Calif., has received the Award of Merit as the most outstanding soldier in his platoon. The Ellefson home is in Garretson, S. D.

#### NO CHANGING OF THE GUARD

We understand that Bert Haner, our old guard at 1300 E Street, is still standing guard over the little brown building waiting for us to come back some day.

All your old friends out here, Bert, say "Hello" and wish you well. We'll keep you up to date on our comings and goings and especially our coming back to Washington, if and when....

#### CLUB ORGANIZATION NOTES

Maude Freeman is the new chairman of the Movie Committee. Mrs. Pritchard has handed in her resignation, which was accepted with regret.

"I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant."
"What d'you want with an elephant?"

"I don't. I want the money."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Albrecht request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Gertrude

Mr. William C. Roeh, Jr.
on Saturday, the twelfth day of June
at eight o'clock in the evening
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Forty-second and Tracy
Kansas City, Missouri

#### WATCH YOUR STEP, OR IT HAPPENED IN WASHINGTON

The leading lights of the CR&S Division are socially minded gentlemen who want others to profit from a recent experience of theirs.

The Acting Chief, the Associate Chief, and the Director of Information, while on their way to lunch one day, were busily discussing ways and means to help win the war, oblivious to the fact that they were crossing "D" Street against a red light. A minion of the law, however, saw them, greeted them affectionately, and loaded them into the wagon for a little ride. The tariff was two bucks each.

There was at first a little reticence in discussing the matter but after the truth accidentally came out, the boys magnanimously decided that others should benefit from their experience — bought and paid for — and not allow world affairs to interfere with the workings of the D.C. traffic system. (IFR)